



7th November 2012

Dear Minister Reilly,

We write on behalf of the Consultants working in the three Dublin Children's Hospitals. With one voice, we welcome the Government decision announced yesterday to build the National Paediatric Hospital on the site of St. James's Hospital. We value the co-location of the Children's Hospital with a major adult teaching hospital but are committed to our primary vision of a tri-located hospital and urge the Minister to proceed without delay with plans to build a maternity hospital on this site.

The three Children's Hospital's currently work together on a daily basis to provide the best care for children. We are committed to becoming a single service long before the National Paediatric Hospital is built.

We look forward to continuing our work with the Paediatric Centres around the Country to implement the National Paediatric Programme. We know that building this hospital is a critical step towards advancing child health care in Ireland.

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